

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

KATHERINE S. GORMAN
Chief Circuit Judge



PEORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
324 Main Street - Room 215
Peoria, Illinois 61602-1363

**PEORIA COUNTY PROBATION AND COURT SERVICES HIRES ADULT CHIEF
PROBATION OFFICER**

(Peoria County Illinois)-The Peoria County Probation and Court Services Department has promoted Robert Askins to the position of Adult Chief Probation Officer. Askins replaces Francine Neal, who will retire from her position on April 30, 2021.

Askins is a 26-year veteran of the Peoria County Adult Probation Department. He graduated from Southern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justices Sciences. He began his career as a Probation Officer in 1993. During his 18 years as an Adult Probation Officer, Askins assignments included: Pre-Sentence Investigation Unit; Domestic Violence Unit; and Problem-Solving Court Probation Officer. In 2013, Askins was promoted to Probation Supervisor and was assigned to the Adult Redeploy Program where he supervised both Redeploy Officers and Regular Line Probation Officers.

Director of Probation and Court Services Mark Bronke said of Askin's promotion, "Rob will be a great leader for the Adult Probation Division. I am confident that his experience will allow him to further develop Adult Probation into a dynamic and highly professional division."

Askins will be sworn into his new position by Chief Judge Katherine Gorman on May 10, 2021 at 9am. The Oath of Office will be administered in courtroom 210.